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MACON: Maxwell Wood, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia, announces that Attorney Ann Porges Dodson, of Macon, Georgia was sentenced on June 22, 2005 to three years probation. This sentence was the result of her guilty plea to one count of Conversion of Government Property.

According to the plea agreement, Dodson was the representative payee for a client who received SSI disability benefits from the Social Security Administration. In July 1998, that client was convicted of a felony and was sentenced to serve fifteen years in prison. Dodson continued to receive the disability benefits from July 1998 through January 2000, even though the client was no longer eligible to receive the money due to his incarceration.

As part of her plea agreement, Dodson agreed to pay restitution in the amount of \$7,897, which she paid in full at the time of sentencing. She was also ordered to pay a fine and a \$100 mandatory assessment fee.

The investigation was sponsored by the Social Security Administration - Office of the Inspector General. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tracia King. Inquiries regarding this case should be directed to Ms. Sue McKinney, Public Affairs Specialist, United States Attorney's Office at (478) 621-2602.

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